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The following is an unedited nine paragraph appeal to Party Members for a Central Party Fund from the Politburo (PB) of the Communist Party of India (CPI) date 1 June 1951 and circulated to trusted party members by secret party courier:

ON CENTRAL PARTY FUNDS

1. "The political and organizational decisions of the recent meeting of the Central Committee (CC) which are being sent herewith will give you an idea of the main jobs that the Centre has to fulfil immediately: organising discussion on the documents adopted by the CC, preparing for and holding the All India Party Conference, organising the campaign in connexion with General Elections, reviving and intensifying the work of all mass organisations, etc.
2. "You will readily agree that all this involves a lot of expenditure.
3. "Even as it is, the monthly expenses of the Centre — expenses for the bare maintenance of the central apparatus — come to nearly Rs. 7000/- a month. Adding this to the additional expenditure to be incurred as a result of the decisions of the recent CC meeting may be calculated at Rs. 60,000 for the next six months.
4. "One result of the inner-Party crisis of the last 16 months, followed as it was by two years in which the Party organisation got disrupted, is that all the previous resources of the Centre have been dried up. The Centre has been having a hard time during the last 6-8 months and today we have hardly a month's reserve to start our work with.
5. "More or less the same position obtains in all provinces and districts: They too have to run extra expenditure on General Election campaign, Party Conferences, etc; they too are finding it very difficult to meet their expenses.
6. "It is therefore clear that the entire Party should start a big drive for Party funds; only the utmost effort of all Party members and sympathisers will enable us to collect the necessary cash to implement the decisions of the CC meeting and revive the mass activities of the Party.

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- 7." The District, provincial and All-India Party Conferences will naturally have to take this as one of the subjects for discussion and take appropriate decision. We on our part will be preparing our own report and proposals on P. funds to be placed before the All-India Party Conference. Since however all this will take some time, it is absolutely necessary that the Centre should have the Rs. 60,000 that has been calculated above as its six-months' requirements. Deducting Rs. 20,000/- - the amount which is in hand and is expected from the staff and direct contacts of the Centre - we still require Rs. 40,000/- which can come from nowhere else than from the provinces.
- 8." We therefore appeal to every Party member to start collections for a Central Party Fund. We hope that every Party member will make his utmost contribution to this fund; we also hope that every Party member will approach his contacts and collect whatever they can contribute.
- 9." We further request the PCs and DCs to see that collections to this Central Fund are organised properly and the amount reaches us. "

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